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CONSEQUENCES OF THE DEATH OF STALIN AND OF THE
ELEVATION OF MALENKOV TO LEADERSHIP IN THE USSR

The D/I, USAF suggests the following footnote to the first sentence of Paragraph 1, Page 1, for consideration of the IAC members:

Although this is our considered judgment, a second view merits consideration, i.e., that the Soviets may have developed a unique skill for transferring power in a totalitarian state. The speed and precision with which at least nominal power has been transferred to Malenkov suggests this possibility and also the possibility that no power struggle will develop among Soviet leaders as a result of Stalin's death.

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